

**Remarks by Marianne Lamont Horinko, Assistant
Administrator
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New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site
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- Good morning, and thank you, Mayor Kalisz, for that kind introduction
 - Besides working to protect the environment here in New Bedford, Mayor Kalisz is a member of an advisory committee that will make recommendations to EPA on the future of Superfund
 - I want to thank him for his ongoing leadership on environmental issues here in New Bedford, and for his generous contribution of time and energy to EPA
- I also want to thank Congressman Barney Frank for his efforts to protect Massachusetts from environmental hazards
 - It's been a pleasure working with him, his staff, and the people he represents in Massachusetts
- I am honored to be here in New Bedford with Region 1 Administrator Bob Varney to present a check for \$6.5 million to continue the clean up of New Bedford Harbor
 - This money is a further demonstration of EPA's ongoing commitment to New Bedford, a commitment not only to the health of your people, but to the economic vitality of your community
 - EPA has been working with the city for a number of years, and we've seen some noteworthy accomplishments
 - We've removed five acres of the most contaminated hot spots from the harbor

- We’ve excavated sediment along residential shorelines
 - We’ve removed abandoned fishing vessels from the harbor and relocated two combined sewer overflows that were impeding cleanup
 - The additional \$6.5 million being presented today brings the total Superfund money invested here to more than \$ 127 million
- But Superfund is only one of element of the cleanup underway here in New Bedford
 - Brownfields redevelopment also is critical to the revitalization of your economy, and you’ve shown exemplary leadership here, too
 - New Bedford has identified over 30 brownfield sites within the city
 - And you’re working in partnership with private businesses and community groups to assess, clean up, and redevelop these properties
 - Over the past five years New Bedford has received over one million dollars in federal brownfields funding to help reenergize the city’s economy and increase tourism
 - Two brownfields sites have already been sold to developers who are working to revitalize them
 - In 2001, the city was awarded designation as a brownfields Showcase Community, one of only 12 nationwide to receive this award
 - This award demonstrates your deep commitment to redevelopment, partnership, strategic planning, and environmental justice
 - Congratulations to the mayor and the rest of the city for your exemplary work

- I also applaud your efforts to reestablish your city as the regional transportation hub of southeastern Massachusetts
 - And for your redevelopment of an abandoned rail yard as a flagship brownfields project
 - I am delighted that EPA has been your partner in a lot of this
 - The funds we're providing to New Bedford, together with our brownfields grants over the past five years, will strengthen your environmental and economic future
 - A clean harbor means healthier people eating healthier fish, while the redevelopment of old, abandoned facilities means new jobs and a more robust economy
 - The big winners today are New Bedford's families, and the people who will live here and raise families in the future
- I'm delighted to present this check....